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Subject: RE: transition reports

The article was very disappointing...contains statements that are both patently false and very misleading.

1) No information on this topic was withheld. The Murkowski Transition Report references the issue, and only once sentence was redacted in the reports that were first released. We later fully released the entire reports. The one sentence redacted stated that Privileged or Personal Mate Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Otherwise, the reference and description of the entire issue was publicly released.
2) The Palin Transition Team saw the Murkowski Report on the issue, but simply choose to focus their limited efforts on higher priority areas. If necessary, I'd recommend Privileged or Personal Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

My recommendation is for short and long term solutions:

Short Term: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged or Pe

Long Term: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged or Pers

JB

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Argh!

Pat Forgey NEVER asked me anything about the Permanent Fund report. He wanted to know why some information in the reports (no specific report) was redacted. I explained the reasons for not releasing personal information, personnel issues, 401K/IRS stuff. HE never asked a follow up question. This story makes it looked like I didn't respond to him.

This is probably worth a call to the managing editor.

Sharon

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sounds good.
please don't let it hang out there with what the Empire wrote, otherwise AP and/or ADN and/or others pick it up and run with it, resulting in the public being very deceived.

Please have them correct it or retract their errors - or pls have an OpEd written that explains our position. thanks so much!

Mike Tibbles <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

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Governor,

The article was flat wrong. I don't think that it was worthy of evan an opinion pieca let alona a news article. It claimed we only raleased the reports after an appeal and without the description of tha PFD problem. It also quoted Tkacz and Becca Braun as some newsworthy source. I would lika to ask the Juneau to defend their claim and when they can not, print a retraction. If you look at the initial reports that wera release, it fully dascribed the problem and tha cost to the state to correct it.

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